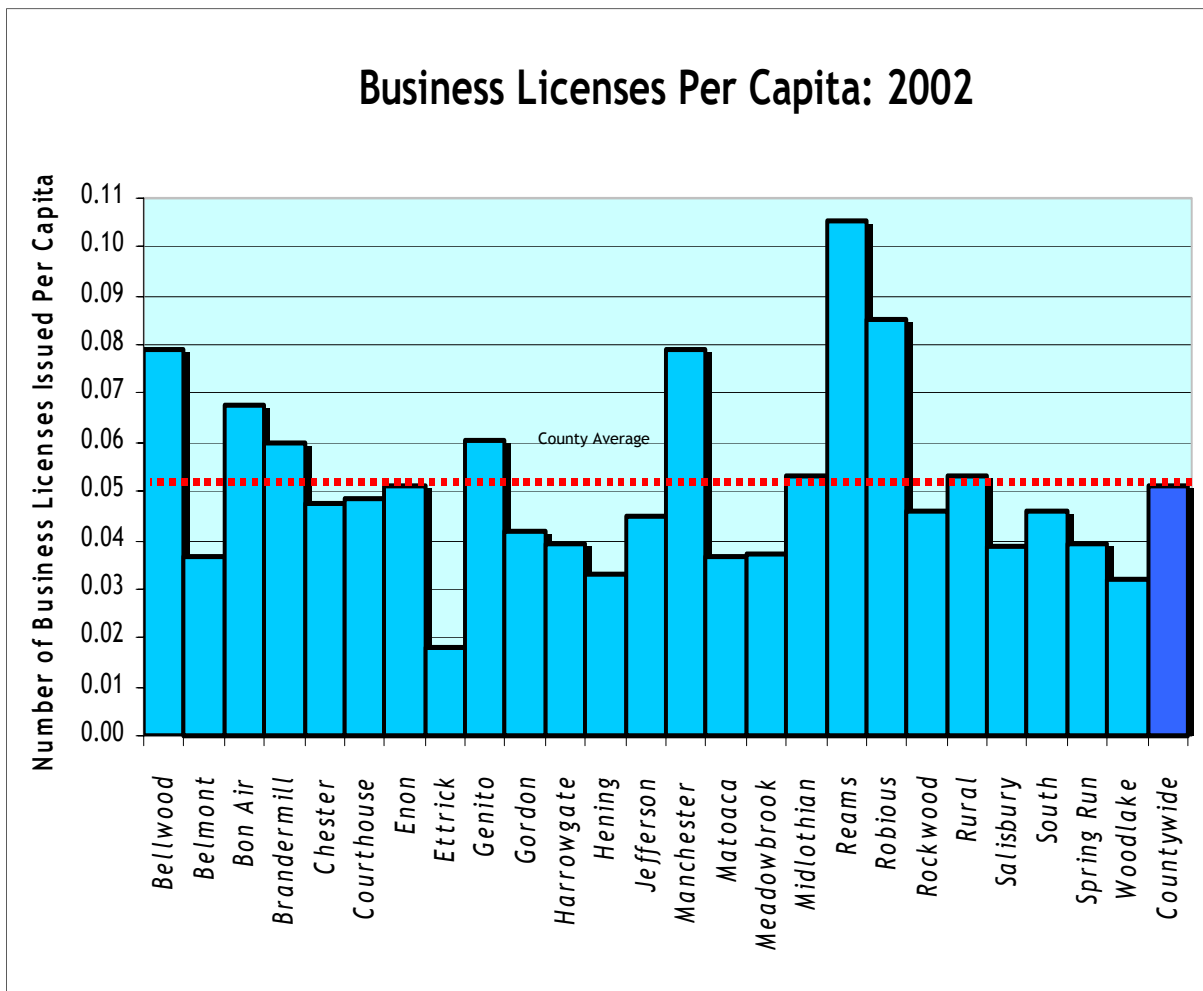


Businesses

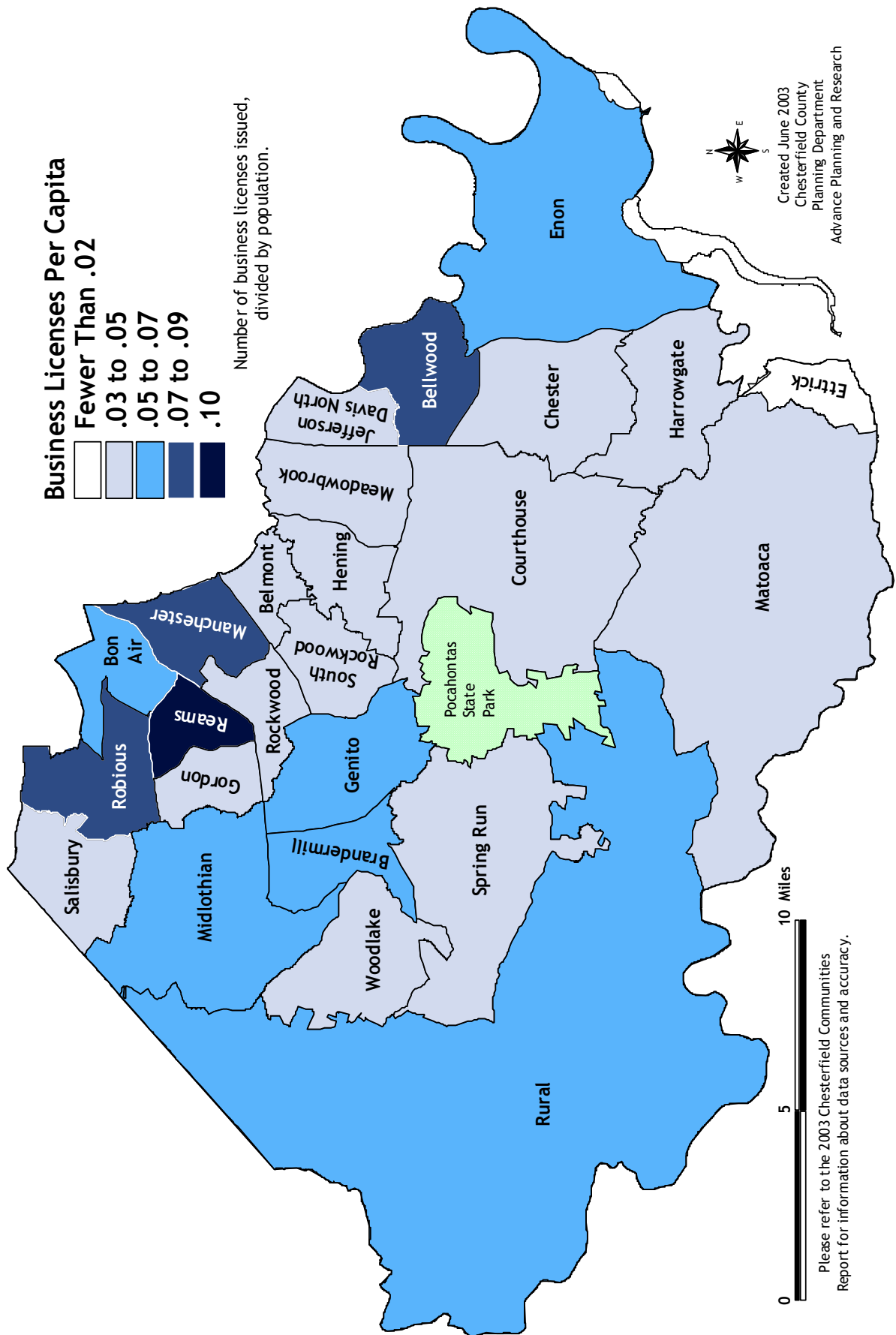
Just as a community needs well-maintained residential development to remain healthy, a community also needs healthy and active businesses. Businesses employ residents, provide services, participate as civic partners and help balance the tax base.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Limited information is available about the nature of businesses through local government. While many businesses are required to obtain business licenses, some are exempted from license requirements or operate without licenses. Also, most business information provided to local government is confidential. About 14,200 business licenses were issued countywide in 2002 (0.05 licenses per capita). This number is about 11 percent lower than the number of business licenses issued in 2001. Reams and Robious had relatively high per capita license rates, reflecting large commercial concentrations along Route 60. The rate was lowest in Ettrick and Woodlake.



Business Licenses: 2002

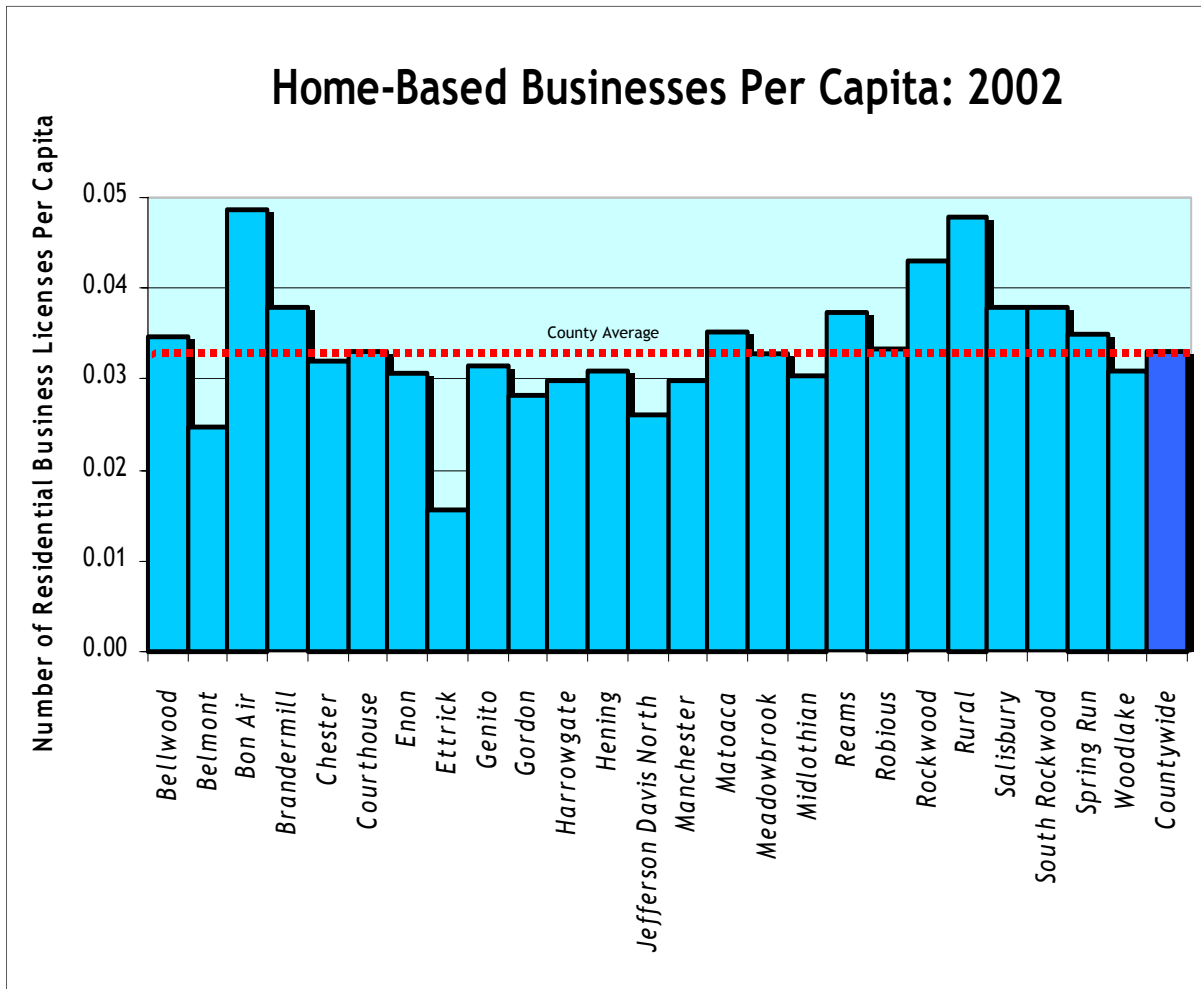




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HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

About 65 percent of all county business licenses were issued to residential addresses in 2002. Home-based businesses (measured by the number of business licenses issued to residential addresses) increased by 21 percent in 2002. An additional 1,600 business licenses were issued to home-based businesses in 2002. In 2002, there were 0.03 home-based businesses per capita countywide.



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